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## CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## POLICY STATEMENT

POLICY NO. <u>E&C - 39</u> April 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Fire Suppression Standpipe Systems

It is the policy of the Department to allow the installation of fire suppression standpipe systems (standpipes) on bridges located on the National Highway System (NHS) when requested by a municipal first official. When the Department has a project to make major repairs to a bridge or to construct a new bridge, federal funds may, if available, be used for the installation of standpipes. The municipality in which the bridge is located must provide any non-federal share of the cost.

If no federal funds are available, the municipality shall be responsible for 100% of the construction cost of the installation of the standpipes requested by the municipal first official.

The municipality shall enter into an agreement with the Department, which states that the municipality is fully responsible for its share of funding and annual testing of the standpipes.

The Department will be responsible for the maintenance of the standpipes.

The above notwithstanding, the Department may elect to install standpipes on bridges without municipal participation where it is determined to be in the State's best interest to do so.

(This Policy Statement abolishes Policy Statement No. E&H.O -44 dated December 2, 2002)

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